However, ONGC has not signed any agreement with the State Government for establishing a gas-based power plant.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Import of petroleum products

†1259. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that import of crude petroleum and its products has been constantly increasing for the last three years;

(b) if so, the total value of crude petroleum and its products imported during the years 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04, separately; and

(c) the percentage of cost of their import for each year as against the total cost of import of the country?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The value (in million US $) of crude oil and petroleum products imported during 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 and its percentage share in total imports are as under:

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
Import of crude oil and products	14146.0	17581.0	20382.0
Share in total imports (Per cent)	27.5%	28.6%	26.5%

Transportation of gas from Middle East

1260. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:
SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:
SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

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